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SUBJECT: REMAINS OF MARINES ON TANG ISLAND

1. BODIES OF 17 US MILITARY PERSONNEL KILLED IN MAYAGUEZ RESCUE ACTION WERE LEFT ON OR ADJACENT TO TANG ISLAND, MOST OF THEM AT OR NEAR THE LANDING LOCATION ON THE NORTH-WEST SIDE OF THE ISLAND, APPROX. ONE KILOMETER SOUTH OF THE NORTHERN TIP. THREE OF THE MEN ARE STILL LISTED AS MISSING, BUT ALL SHOULD BE PRESUMED DEAD. ONE WAS LEFT ON THE BEACH WRAPPED IN OLIVE DRAB MATERIAL FOR EVACUATION. OTHERS WERE ON THE ISLAND OR IMMEDIATELY OFF-SHORE.

2. ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE ICRC HAS NO CONTACT AT PRESENT WITH NEW KHMER AUTHORITIES, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING
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ICRC CAN DO TO ARRANGE FOR THE RECOVERY AND RETURN OF THE REMAINS OF THESE US PERSONNEL. INGERSOLL

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